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SUBJ: BHUTANESE ARTIFACTS FOR SMITHSONIAN

REF: CALCUTTA 1769 AND NEW DELHI 11129

SCIENCE ATTACHE PLEASE PASS SECRETARY RIPLEY AND WAYNE MILLS

1. SMITHSONIAN SHARES VIEW ESSENTIAL CONCLUDE WITHOUT DELAY
BHUTANESE ARTIFACTS SHIPMENT CONFUSION.

2. SMITHSONIAN PLEASED REPORT GABRIELLE YABLONSKY HAS
INFORMED SMITHSONIAN SHE NOTIFIED BHUTANESE MISSION IN NEW
DELHI AND CALCUTTA AND BHUTANESE STATE TRADING CORPORATION
THAT SHE IS SENDING SWISS FRANCS SUFFICIENT TO COVER DUTY
CHARGES LEVIED BY BHUTANESE AUTHORITIES IN DECEMBER 1972
WHEN SHE IMPORTED PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL FROM SWITZERLAND.
SHE IS ARRANGING WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS FOR CITIBANK NEW
YORK TO CABLE TO CITIBANK BRANCH IN CALCUTTA MONEY FOR
SUCH PURPOSE TO BE DELIVERED TO DORJE WANGDI, ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR, BHUTAN CUSTOMS OFFICE, CALCUTTA, SINCE DAWA
TENJORE BELIEVED CURRENTLY VISITING THIMPU.

3. AS SOON AS YABLONSKY IMPORT DUTIES SETTLED, CONGEN IS
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REQUESTED TO AIRFREIGHT SOONEST 19 BOXES ALREADY CLEARED
BY BHUTANESE AND INDIAN AUTHORITIES. COST SHOULD BE

CHARGED TO APPROPRIATION 33X0102 AS AUTHORIZED STATE'S

189720 OF SEPTEMBER 24.

4. IN ADDITION TO 19 BOXES THERE ARE OTHERS AT STCB, CALCUTTA, OR CURRENTLY ENROUTE FROM THIMPU. SMI WILL ADVISE CONGEN SUBSEQUENTLY ABOUT METHOD FOR CLEARANCE AND SHIPPING.

5. SMI WISHES ONCE AGAIN TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR CONGEN AND EMBASSY EFFORTS ON ITS BEHALF. BHUTANESE ARTIFACTS IN 19 BOXES SHOULD MAKE HANDSOME EXHIBIT BHUTANESE LIFE AT TIME CORONATION OF KING OF BHUTAN. SMI PLEASED THAT MATERIAL MAY BE AVAILABLE WASHINGTON DURING SIX-WEEK VISIT PARO MUSEUM DIRECTOR WHO DUE WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 29 TO ADVISE ON EXHIBIT AND TRAIN IN SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM WORKSHOP. RUSH

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